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Applicant: INCH, et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Paper responds to the communication from the Examiner mailed March 15, 2005. Please enter the following Amendment to the above-identified Application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

The Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the Office Action dated March 15, 2005 for three (3) month(s) from June 15, 2005 to September 15, 2005. Please charge \$510 in payment of the extension fee to deposit account number 19-3140. Please charge any deficiency

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#### **Issues Raised in the Office Action**

Claims 29 to 38 and 41-43 are currently pending in the application. By the Office Action dated March 15, 2005, claims 29-38 and 41-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 - obviousness rejection; claims 33 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for insufficient antecedent basis; and the abstract and the specification were objected to for informalities. The Applicant offers the following amendment and remarks in response and by which, the Applicant believes, allowable subject matter is achieved.